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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. HIROI et al

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Serial No.: 09/986,299

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For: Pattern Inspection Method And Apparatus

Art Unit: 2625

Examiner: J. Strege

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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September 16, 2005

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.